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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 26 December 1955:

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1. General:

Training in and near garrison areas continued. In addition to the basic training of recruits, field training, weapon servicing drill and marksmanship were conducted.

2. Rail Shipments:

- a. Two military shipments went from Oberroeblingen to Sangershausen and one shipment went from Mechterstaedt to Wildpark during the period from 11 to 17 December.
- b. On 12 December two rail shipments went from Roederau to Jueterbog. The trains had a total of 24 converted boxcars, four boxcars and 26 flatcars.
- c. On 16 and 17 December, two shipments were dispatched from Jueterbog. One went to Riesa and the other to Oschatz.
- d. One rail shipment was dispatched from Jueterbog to Oschatz on 18 December. The train had 24 converted boxcars, five boxcars, eight SS-type flatcars and 10 flatcars.
- e. On 18 December, one rail shipment went from Meinsdorf to Forst Zinna. The train had five boxcars, five standard two-axle flatcars and four heavy-duty flatcars.

3. Soviet Movements and Activities:

- a. Marching and entrenching work, with gas masks donned, was observed at Stendal on 14 December.
- b. The entire artillery regiment of the 12th Guards Tank Division participated in day and night firing practice at the Wittstock training

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grounds on 14 December.

- c. It was observed on 16 December that most of the buildings in Camp Jamlitz (3302) at the Lieberose training grounds had been dismantled.
- d. At the Wildpark railroad station, 4 x 152 mm gun howitzers with prime movers, trucks and personnel from the 34th Artillery Division were being loaded for shipment to Altengrabow on 19 December.

4. KVP:

- a. Basic and driving school training continued. There has been an increase in chemical defense as well as weapon and advanced combat training; however, these exercises only occasionally reach battalion level. Final examinations for officer candidates were still being given in a few instances.
- b. The Eggesin Mechanized Division received a large number of new German motor vehicles during November and December. It is believed that additional vehicles will be received.
- c. The course for Innere Truppen (Internal Security Troops) which was being given at the Infantry Officer's School at Naumburg was allegedly transferred to Plauen on 10 December.
- d. During the period of 15 to 20 December, advanced combat practices at battalion strength were repeatedly observed near posts. The Mechanized Regiment and the Motorcycle Battalion from Potsdam participated.
- e. A special badge for the Betriebskampfgruppenfuehrer (Leaders of Enterprise Combat Groups) is to be introduced in the future.

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